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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ATTEMPTED BOMBING INCIDENT-USIS ANKARA

- 1. ON EVENING FEBRUARY 7, FOUR UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT AGE MALES ENTERED USIS ANKARA DISPLAY GALLERY. ALL WEARING HEAVY BULKY OVERCOATS AND RUBBER BOOTS. FSL RECEPTIONIST CONSIDERED GROUP SUSPICIOUS AND ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE THEIR REASON FOR BEING IN GALLERY.AS RECEPTIONIST APPROACHED GROUP, THEY RAN OUT ENTRANCE.
- 2. WHILE WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY HAVE WARRANTED HEAVY COAT, NO APPARENT RRASON FOR RUBBER BOOTS AS NO RAIN OR SNOW PRESENT FEBRUARY 7. BOOTS MAY HAVE BEEN WORN TO PREVENT STATIC ELECTRICITY WHICH COULD HAVE DETONATED ANY EXPLOSIVE CHARGE ON THEIR PERSON. ALERT REACTION BY RECEPTIONIST PREVENTED GROUP FROM GETTING PAST IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF FRONT ENTRANCE. GROUP UNDER VISUAL CONTACT ALL TIMES IN GALLERY AND MADE NO OTHER SUSPICIOUS MOVE OTHER THAN HASTILY FLEEING SCENE FOR NO APPARENT REASON.
- 3. INCREASED SECURITY HAS BEEN IN EFFECT AT EMBASSY FACILITIES SINCE MILITARY AID CUTOFF. USIS IS CLOSING GALLERY EARLY AT SUNDOWN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. CURRENT PHYSICAL SECURITY PROJECTS

PENDING USIS FACILITY INCLUDE CONTROLLING FOUR EXIT DOORS FROM GALLERY INTO MAIN BUILDING. IN ADDITION TO RECEPTIONIST, FSL GUARD ALSO PRESENT IN GALLERY MOST OF TIME.

4. ALL POSTS REMINDED TO REMAIN VIGILANT TO THREATS OF BOMBING ATTACK OR OTHER HOSTILE ACTIONS AS PART OF ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENT GENERATED BY RECENT AID CUTOFF.

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